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Q. According to Israeli radio, Foreign Minister Shamir said that Israel had not known of the USG's intention to supply AWACS aircraft to Saudi Arabia and that Israel's representative in the U.S. had been instructed to protest this deal. Is it true that the Israelis were not informed?

A. A broad range of issues was discussed in the meeting between Secretary Haig and Foreign Minister Shamir on February 20. Beyond saying that the Saudi request for air defense enhancement items was one of those topics, I do not want to comment on the details of our diplomatic conversations with Israel either at thatmeeting or through other channels.

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